



## July 2023 Labor Market Review

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## LABOR MARKET REVIEW

# Economic Growth Region 9

Statistical Data Report for July 2023, Released September 2023

## State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in July in 7 states, higher in 3 states, and stable in 40 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Twenty-three states had jobless rate decreases from a year earlier, 5 states and the district had increases, and 22 states had little change. The national unemployment rate, 3.5 percent, changed little over the month and was the same as in July 2022.

New Hampshire had the lowest jobless rate in July, 1.7 percent. The next lowest rates were in Maryland and Vermont, 1.8 percent each. The rates in these three states set new series lows, as did the rates in the following eight states: Alabama (2.1 percent), Louisiana (3.4 percent), Massachusetts (2.5 percent), Mississippi (3.0 percent), Ohio (3.3 percent), Pennsylvania (3.5 percent), Tennessee (3.1 percent), and Washington (3.6 percent). Nevada had the highest unemployment rate, 5.3 percent. In total, 21 states had unemployment rates lower than the U.S. figure of 3.5 percent, 3 states and the District of Columbia had higher rates, and 26 states had rates that were not appreciably different from that of the nation.

In July, seven states had over-the-month unemployment rate decreases, the largest of which was in Pennsylvania (-0.3 percentage point), followed by Louisiana, Maryland, Virginia, and Washington (-0.2 point each). Arizona, Idaho, and Wisconsin had the only over-the-month increases (+0.1 percentage point each). Forty states and the District of Columbia had jobless rates that were not notably different from those of a month earlier, though some had changes that were at least as large numerically as the significant changes.



## Economic Growth Region (EGR) 9

Bartholomew, Dearborn, Decatur, Franklin, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, and Switzerland Counties

July 2023 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Jul-23	Jun-23	Jul-22
U.S.	168,354,000	161,982,000	6,372,000	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%
IN	3,459,605	3,321,627	137,978	4.0%	3.7%	3.3%
EGR 9	172,486	166,467	6,019	3.5%	3.2%	3.0%
Columbus MSA	45,228	43,772	1,456	3.2%	3.0%	2.7%
Bartholomew Co.	45,228	43,772	1,456	3.2%	3.0%	2.7%
Dearborn Co.	27,079	26,071	1,008	3.7%	3.5%	2.9%
Decatur Co.	14,951	14,479	472	3.2%	2.8%	2.7%
Franklin Co.	11,747	11,322	425	3.6%	3.2%	2.9%
Jackson Co.	23,384	22,578	806	3.4%	3.1%	3.2%
Jefferson Co.	15,130	14,578	552	3.6%	3.3%	3.3%
Jennings Co.	13,814	13,318	496	3.6%	3.3%	3.6%
Ohio Co.	3,337	3,223	114	3.4%	3.0%	2.3%
Ripley Co.	12,849	12,335	514	4.0%	3.6%	3.4%
Switzerland Co.	4,967	4,791	176	3.5%	3.5%	3.1%
Batesville	3,393	3,292	101	3.0%	3.1%	2.8%
Brookville	1,124	1,078	46	4.1%	3.1%	3.8%
Columbus	25,882	25,028	854	3.3%	3.1%	2.8%
Greensburg	6,598	6,389	209	3.2%	2.9%	3.0%
Lawrenceburg	2,118	1,968	150	7.1%	6.5%	4.5%
Madison	5,470	5,267	203	3.7%	3.3%	2.9%
North Vernon	2,925	2,823	102	3.5%	3.5%	4.5%
Seymour	10,641	10,244	397	3.7%	3.4%	3.3%

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released: 08/23 | Notes: The data displayed are presented as estimates only. The most recent month's data are always preliminary and are revised when the next month's data are released.

## Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): July 2023

**U.S. - 3.5%**

Illinois - 4%

**Indiana - 3.3%**

Kentucky - 3.8%

Michigan - 3.6%

Ohio - 3.3%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): July 2023

#32 - Ripley (4%)

#44 - Dearborn (3.7%)

#48 - Franklin (3.6%)

#49 - Jefferson (3.6%)

#50 - Jennings (3.6%)

#57 - Switzerland (3.5%)

#64 - Jackson (3.4%)

#66 - Ohio (3.4%)

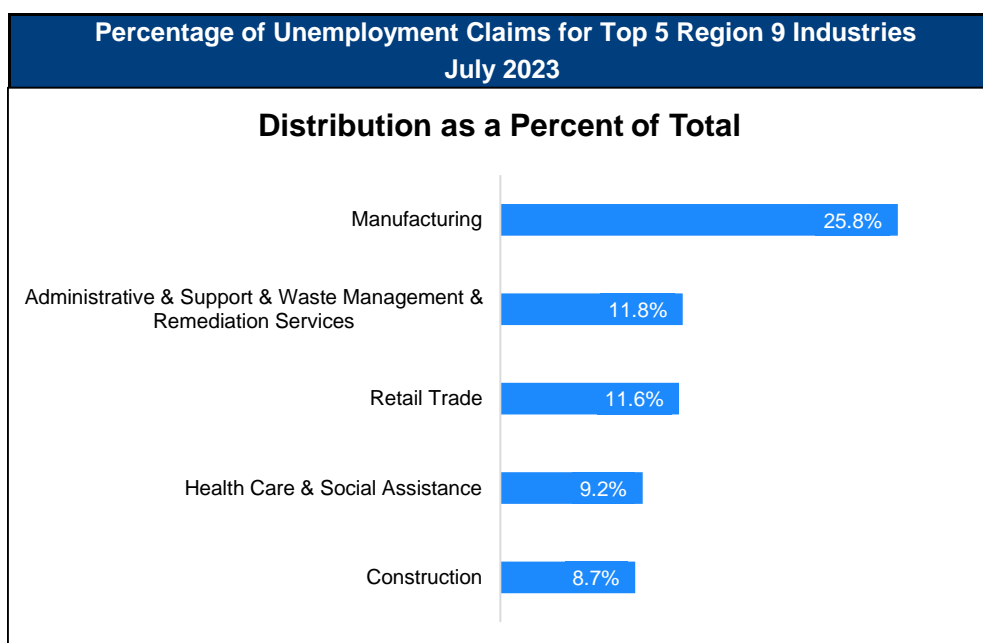
#74 - Bartholomew (3.2%)

#76 - Decatur (3.2%)

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to July 2023 from				
CPI Item	Jul-22	Jun-23	Jul-22	Jun-23
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	3.2%	0.2%	2.9%	0.3%
Food & Beverages	4.8%	0.3%	5.1%	0.3%
Housing	6.2%	0.3%	5.6%	0.8%
Apparel	3.2%	-1.0%	3.1%	-0.3%
Transportation	-3.0%	0.2%	-2.4%	-0.6%
Medical Care	-0.5%	-0.1%	-0.4%	0.3%
Recreation	4.1%	0.1%	5.4%	-0.2%
Education & Communication	1.2%	0.0%	1.4%	0.1%
Other Goods & Services	6.1%	0.1%	6.5%	0.8%

\*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin | Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

## WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 9 for July 2023				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date
Yellow Corporation dba YRC Freight	Statewide	Statewide	All	7/30/2023

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, WARN Notices | For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet:

<https://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsheet/warn.htm>

## Unemployment Claims: July 2023

### Region 9

#### Initial Claims

07/01/23 - 61(D)  
07/08/23 - 46(D)  
07/15/23 - 35(D)  
07/22/23 - 60(D)  
07/29/23 - 58(D)

#### Continued Claims

07/01/23 - 389  
07/08/23 - 62  
07/15/23 - 386  
07/22/23 - 356  
07/29/23 - 364  
**Total Claims**  
07/01/23 - 450  
07/08/23 - 108  
07/15/23 - 421  
07/22/23 - 416  
07/29/23 - 422

### State of Indiana

#### Initial Claims

07/01/23 - 4,504  
07/08/23 - 5,033  
07/15/23 - 3,673  
07/22/23 - 3,081  
07/29/23 - 2,720

#### Continued Claims

07/01/23 - 24,820  
07/08/23 - 22,615  
07/15/23 - 21,191  
07/22/23 - 19,558  
07/29/23 - 19,459

#### Total Claims

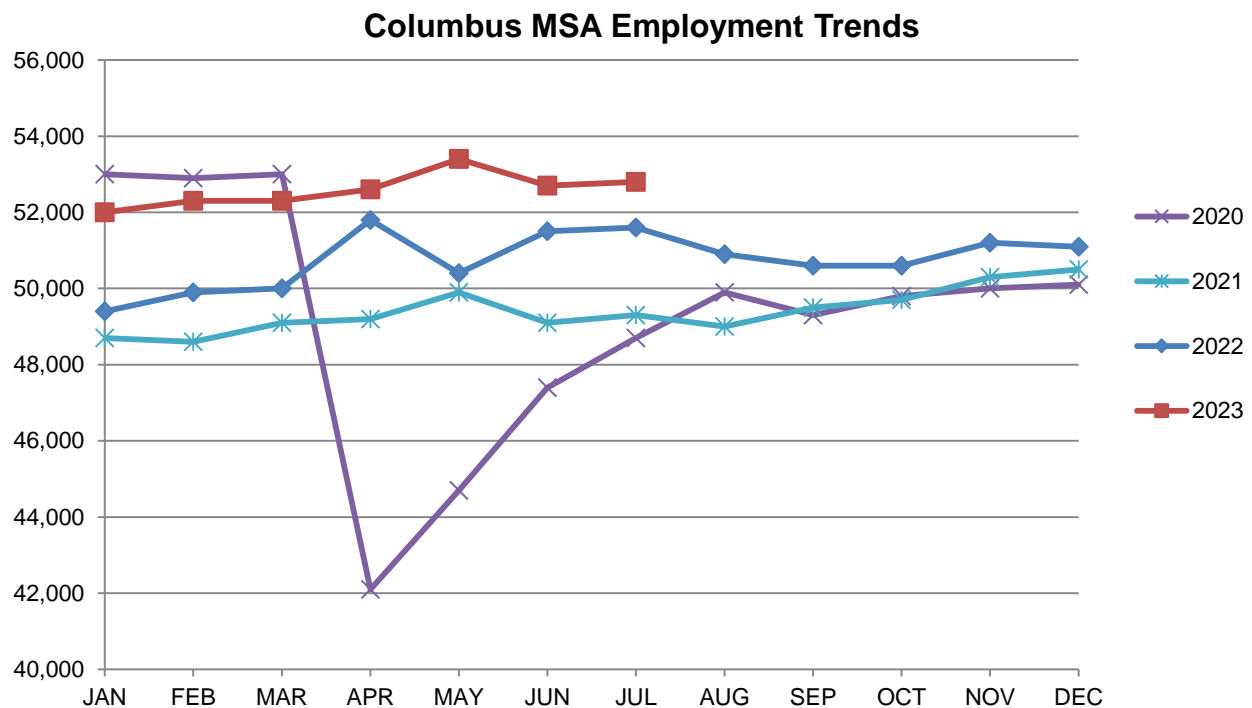
07/01/23 - 29,324  
07/08/23 - 27,648  
07/15/23 - 24,864  
07/22/23 - 22,639  
07/29/23 - 22,179

(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status |

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Columbus MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	July 2023			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Jul-23	Jun-23	Jul-22	Jun-23 to Jul-23		Jul-22 to Jul-23	
<b>Total Nonfarm</b>	<b>52,800</b>	<b>52,700</b>	<b>51,600</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
<b>Total Private</b>	<b>47,300</b>	<b>47,100</b>	<b>46,700</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>0.4%</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
Goods Producing	21,600	21,300	21,400	300	1.4%	200	0.9%
Service-Providing	31,200	31,400	30,200	-200	-0.6%	1,000	3.3%
Private Service Providing	25,700	25,800	25,300	-100	-0.4%	400	1.6%
Mining, Logging and Construction	2,100	2,000	2,000	100	5.0%	100	5.0%
Manufacturing	19,500	19,300	19,400	200	1.0%	100	0.5%
Durable Goods	17,800	17,700	17,400	100	0.6%	400	2.3%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	7,500	7,600	7,700	-100	-1.3%	-200	-2.6%
Retail Trade	4,900	4,900	4,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	300	300	300	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	5,600	5,500	5,500	100	1.8%	100	1.8%
Education and Health Services	5,000	5,000	4,500	0	0.0%	500	11.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,100	4,200	4,100	-100	-2.4%	0	0.0%
Other Services	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total Government</b>	<b>5,500</b>	<b>5,600</b>	<b>4,900</b>	<b>-100</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>12.2%</b>
Federal Government	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	900	1,000	700	-100	-10.0%	200	28.6%
Local Government	4,400	4,400	4,000	0	0.0%	400	10.0%
Local Government Educational Services	1,200	1,300	1,200	-100	-7.7%	0	0.0%

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics | Note: Historical data for the most recent 4 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates for statewide data.

Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings in Region 9 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Social and Human Service Assistants
2	Nursing Assistants
3	Registered Nurses
4	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
5	Career/Technical Education Teachers, Postsecondary
6	Personal Care Aides
7	Merchandise Displayers and Window Trimmers
8	Retail Salespersons
9	First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers
10	Food Preparation Workers
11	Physical Therapists
12	Production Workers, All Other
13	Customer Service Representatives
14	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
15	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Social Workers
16	Mechanical Engineers
17	Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators
18	Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners
19	Accountants and Auditors
20	First-Line Supervisors of Housekeeping and Janitorial Workers

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of Applicants
Production Workers, All Other	611
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	454
Helpers--Production Workers	296
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	214
Cashiers	210
Customer Service Representatives	204
Office Clerks, General	145
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	136
Construction Laborers	132
Managers, All Other	126
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	125
Extraction Workers, All Other	123
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	122
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	117
Retail Salespersons	110
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	101
Carpenters	98
Packers and Packagers, Hand	98
Construction and Related Workers, All Other	97
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	97

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# Indiana voter turnout: A harbinger of things to come in 2024?



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Although 2023 is an "off" year in the American election cycle, the specter of the 2024 election is already looming large over the Hoosier state. While most eyes have turned to the emerging race for the Republican presidential nomination, it is also worthwhile to look at our recent past and examine Indiana's voter turnout in the last midterm and presidential elections. Data on how many ballots were cast in these elections is critical to campaigns and grassroots voter outreach organizations in their efforts to reduce barriers to voting and mobilize the electorate.

In the aftermath of the 2018 midterm election, there was an overwhelming sense that something truly monumental had occurred in Indiana. The election saw 51% of registered voters in the state cast a ballot, the highest turnout rate in an Indiana midterm election since 1994. More than 2.3 million Hoosiers voted in the election, contributing to the highest turnout rate for a midterm election in the United States since 1914.

As the 2022 midterms drew closer, national pollsters worked to determine if voters would remain energized or if high voter turnout in 2018 was a fluke rather than the trend. The answer, as it turns out, is somewhat surprising.

On a national level, voter turnout in the 2022 midterms nearly matched the staggering data from 2018. In total, 52.2% of citizens over the age of 18 cast a ballot, only 1.2 percentage points less than the historic numbers from 2018.

Spencer County, which boasted a 51.2% voter turnout rate, registered the highest voter turnout in the 2022 midterm election. This was down a surprising 10.3 percentage points from the 2018 midterms. Spencer County was followed by Union (51%), Crawford (50.9%), Brown (50.8%) and Floyd (49.5%) counties to close out the top five in 2022 voter turnout.

Tippecanoe County had the lowest voter turnout rate with 32.2% of registered voters exercising their right to vote. Marion County, the most populous county in the state, had the second-lowest turnout percentage with 34%, followed by Elkhart (36%), Dearborn (36.1%) and Grant (36.4%) counties.

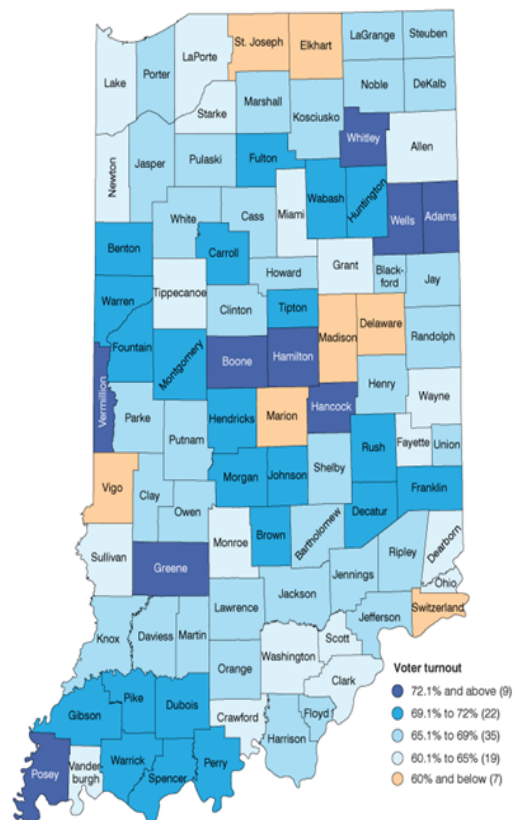
With the exception of Union County, every county in the state experienced a decrease in voter turnout between the two midterm elections. In fact, 52 of the state's 92 counties saw a double-digit decrease in voter turnout percentage points.

Perhaps more pertinent to the upcoming presidential election, however, are the turnout rates of the 2020 election. All told, 64.6% of registered Hoosier voters cast a ballot in the 2020 presidential election, the highest turnout rate for Indiana since 1992 (when an astounding 73.8% voted).<sup>5</sup> For the first time in the state's history, more than 3 million ballots were cast, the majority of which (61%) were absentee ballots due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

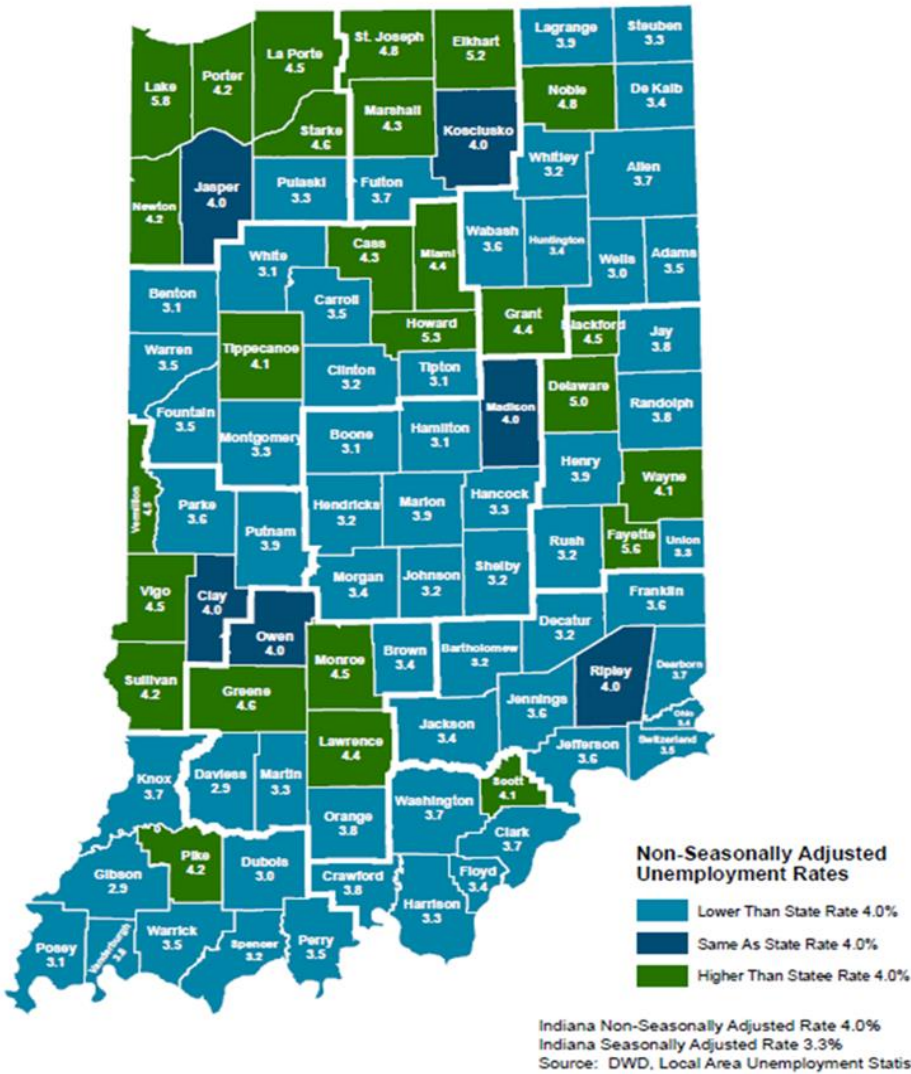
Hamilton County recorded the highest voter turnout rate with 75.4% of registered voters casting a ballot. Hamilton County was followed by Wells (74.8%), Whitley (74.2%), Hancock (74%) and Greene (73.7%) counties.

On the other end of the spectrum, Delaware and Madison counties each recorded voter turnout rates of 57.7%, the lowest turnout rate in the state. Marion County again ranked near the bottom of the list with a voter turnout rate of 58.9%, followed by St. Joseph (59.2%) and Vigo (59.8%) counties. All but two counties, Dearborn and LaGrange, registered voter turnout rates that were higher than the ones they recorded in the 2016 presidential election.

What these numbers mean for the 2024 election remains to be seen. Will the Indiana electorate remain as energized as in 2020, eager to vote for both the president and the governor? Or will the turnout rate sink back down to a more "normal" figure, like the ones seen in 2012 (58.5%) or 2016 (58.1%)? Regardless, voter outreach groups should attempt to harness the energy of the last presidential election in hopes of mobilizing voters and increasing turnout rates next fall.



## County Unemployment Rates July 2023



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